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Appl No.

: 10/733,824

Confirmation No. 2160

Applicant Filed

: Steven A. Williams : December 11, 2003

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: OBJECT GRIPPING DEVICE AND OPENER

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: 3652

Examiner

: KRAMER, DEAN J.

Docket No.

: 51474/DRK/S1081

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE

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Commissioner for Patents

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September 13, 2004

Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of July 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

SEP 1 6 2004 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated July 20, 2004 for 1 month(s) from August 20, 2004 to September 20, 2004.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE						
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE			
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$ 110	\$55			
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 210	\$ 420	\$			
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 475	\$ 950	\$			
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 740	\$1480	\$			
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1005	\$2010	\$			

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 55 to cover the cost of the extension.

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Petition for Extension of Time Application No. 10/733,824

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

Daniel R. Kimbell

Reg. No. 34,849 626/795-9900

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	10	*20		x \$9.00	x \$18.00	
Independent Claims	1	** 3		x \$43.00	x \$86.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$145.00	\$290.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE						0
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQ					
LIST INDEPENDENT CL	AIMS: 1					

- * IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3
- ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3
- *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME
- **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"

Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.

A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

X Other enclosures: Return Postcard

Amendment Transmittal Letter Application No. 10/733,824

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